

Essential Question:

How does Fitzgerald use irony in chapter 7 to sustain reader interest?

Questions:

Notes:

What are the 3 types of irony?

Irony - the use of words to express something other than and especially the opposite of the literal meaning

How can irony enhance writing?

3 types of irony:

1. Situational irony - where actions or events have the opposite result from what is expected or what is intended

ex 1: There are roaches infesting the office of a pest control company.

ex 2: A plumber spends all day working on leaky faucets and comes home to find a pipe has burst at his house.

2. Verbal irony - where someone says the opposite of what they mean or intend; sarcasm is a particularly biting form of verbal irony.

ex. 1: Looking at her son's messy room, Mom says, "Wow, you could win an award for cleanliness!"

ex. 2: On the way to school, the bus gets a flat tire, and the bus driver yells, "Excellent. This day couldn't start off any better!"

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Dramatic irony - occurs when the audience or reader of a text knows something that the characters do not know.

Ex.1: The audience knows that a killer is hiding in the closet, but the girl in the horror movie does not.

Ex.2: The reader knows that a storm is coming, but the children on the playground do not.

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